

REGIONAL NGO FORUM ON THE GREEN AGENDA FOR THE WESTERN BALKANS

30 MARCH 2023, BELGRADE

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09.00

Registration

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Opening remarks, goals, and objectives of the Forum

Majlinda Bregu, Secretary-General, Regional Cooperation Council
Holger Schroeder, Head of Unit of the Western Balkans Regional Programmes and Economic Investment Plan, DG NEAR, European Commission, (online)
Azra Vukovic, NGO Green Home, Montenegro, Coalition 27

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The GAWB Action Plan Annual implementation Report 2022: Decarbonisation and Depollution Roadmaps - progress update, challenges, and opportunities

This session aimed at discussing the GAWB Action Plan Annual Implementation Progress 2022 and perspective for 2023 for **Decarbonisation and Depollution Roadmaps**. The draft annual report will be shared in advance.

Presentations:

Martina Hakl, Desk Officer for Passenger Rights and Social Issues, Transport Community Secretariat
Adam Cwetsch, Head of European Green Deal Unit, Energy Community Secretariat

Reflections:

Endri Haxhiraj, Acting Director, Institute for Environment Policies, Albania
Trim Doli, Project coordinator, Balkan Green Foundation, Kosovo*
Mirjanu Jovanovic, Programme Manager, Energy, Climate and Environment Belgrade Open School
Mirza Hujic, Assistant Minister, Ministry of Foreign Trade and International Relations, Bosnia and Herzegovina (TBC)
Sandra Dokic, State Secretary Ministry of Environment Serbia

Discussion

Moderator **Peter Tramberend,** EU4GREEN Project

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Coffee Break

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14.00

The GAWB Action Plan Annual implementation Report 2022: Circular economy, Sustainable Agriculture, and Biodiversity - progress update, challenges, and opportunities

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Presentations:

- Jovana Dragic May,** International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) (TBC)
Boban Ilic, Secretary General of the SEE Rural Development Standing Working Group (online)
Haris Abaspahic, Senior Expert on Green Agenda, RCC

Reflections:

- Petar Gjorgievski,** President, Balkan Rural Development Network
Slavisa Jelusic, Executive Director, LIR Evolution, Bosnia and Herzegovina
Petrica Dulgheru, Roma Entrepreneurship Development Initiative
Klodiana Marika, Director of Development Programmes, Ministry of Tourism and Environment, Albania (online)
Jasmina Petkovska, Head of Department for International Cooperation, Ministry of Environment and Physical Planning, North Macedonia
Ruy Frank, EU4GREEN Project

Discussion

Moderator **Jelena Milos,** Policy Coordinator Environment, Climate Change, DG NEAR, European Commission

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Lunch Break

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16.45**Panel: Green Agenda and civil society participation - State of play and ways forward**

The purpose of this panel is to discuss the state of play of civil society participation in GAWB-related policy dialogue. The panellists will share their experiences in participating in GAWB related dialogues with civil society at various levels, and will discuss ways forward in enhancing the regional dialogues with civil society on Green Agenda

Aleksandra Dimic,
Natasha Kalauz,
Toni Vidan,
Ana Colovic Lesoska,

Young Researchers of Serbia/BioNet
CEO World Wildlife Fund for nature Adria
Vice-president, European Environment Bureau
Executive Director, Eko-svest, Center for environmental
research and information North Macedonia
Political Advisor to Ministry of Environment, Spatial
Planning, and Infrastructure, Kosovo* (online)
Head of Horizontal Coordination, Ministry of Ecology,
Spatial Planning and Urbanism, Montenegro

Eljesi Surduli,

Brankica Cmiljanovic,

Discussion

Moderator **Aleksandra Gligorovic**, Country Coordinator for Montenegro, EU TASCO

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17.00**Conclusions and closing remarks RCC**